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# Public Meeting Minutes June 8, 2021 6:15 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Commissioners Present: Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Cindy Shubin, Melissa Atherholt, Valerie Dougherty, Lois Jarman, Chelsea Kadish, Maura Page, Rosario Campos, Lindsay Mickey, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Kaitlin Moore, Desiree Tucker

**Commissioners Absent:** Lindsay Burdette **Guests:** Maigan Pechnik and Shawn Horton

President Maura Page called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., a quorum was present.

# I. Executive Committee Report

Approval of the May meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted.

## **II.** Commission Business

- a. Outreach:
  - i. Lakshmi shared that there were no events in May and she is continuing to share events on Facebook.
  - ii. Lakshmi thanked Rosario for her efforts on the Outreach committee.
- b. Legislative Chelsea shared that she has been corresponding with the Frederick County Attorney's office on rules and regulations related to sexual harassment and there appears to a gap in the ethics code related to elected officials.

Chlesea made a motion to send a formal statement to the members of the County Council indicating that we the members of the Frederick County Commission for Women have noticed that there is a gap in the ethics legislation as it relates to sexual harassment by elected officials. We intend to create a subcommittee/workgroup within the Commission headed by the legislative committee to identify and clarify formal recommendations or changes to the law that we would propose to the Council and that we expect to report back to them at our next regular meeting of the Commission after our retreat in July. Melissa seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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c. SheLEADS – Maura shared that there will be a picnic in Baker Park at 12 p.m. this Sunday, June 13th. There will be a few more videos posted on the SheLEADS

YouTube channel. A part of the discussion at the retreat will be discussing how to administer information and getting recruitment out earlier to students. The plan for next year will be try to begin in October instead of November.

d. Recruitment – Shawn Horton introduced herself and expressed her interest in serving on the Commission.

e. Marketing - Lindsay shared ideas related to the marketing plan. We will discuss how to implement these ideas at the Retreat. Lindsay also discussed the Commission getting more exposure at community events (e.g., First Saturday and In the Streets).

Chelsea made a motion that we apply for a spot at In the Streets with the cost capped at \$100.00. Lindsay seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

f. New Business:

- i. Maura and Cindy will participate in the 2021 Commission for Women Roundtable meeting on June 10, 2021.
- ii. We will do a final review of the bylaws at the Retreat in July and do the final vote at the August meeting.
- iii. Maura shared the MOU from Frederick Community College/Office of Adult Services pertaining to the Women's Center. We will discuss this partnership at our July planning session. We will plan to make a formal vote at the August meeting.

#### III. Announcements:

- a. Chelsea shared that Frederick County Government and the Religious Coalition are offering rental and utility assistance for those impacted directly or indirectly by COVID-19. Frederick Pride will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. Melissa shared that there will be a community health and outreach fair at El Shaddai on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm.
- c. Maura thanked everyone for a great year!

## **IV.** Closed Session

Maura read the names of the proposed 2021-2022 slate:

President – Chelsea Kadish

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Cindy moved to accept the slate and Melissa seconded. Motion is unanimously approved.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next public meeting will be held on August 10, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

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